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# News

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Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In November 2005, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a total of **eight (8) recalls relating to products affecting children**. Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past two months.

If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice. If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128**.

Following is a listing of the 8 "KIDS" recalls by title and identification number (when available):

- ❖ American Greetings Corporation recalls Fairy Wand Party Favors. #06-027
- ❖ American Public Company recalls boy's hooded sweatshirts with drawstrings sold by J.C. Penney.
- ❖ Sycamore Kids Inc expands recall of Mountain Buggy Jogging Strollers. #06-030
- ❖ International Playthings Inc. Recalls Viking Chubbies Toy Cars. #06-033
- ❖ International Playthings recalls Toy Vehicles. #06-034
- ❖ Wal-Mart Stores recalls Toy Sets. # 06-035
- ❖ Delta Enterprise Corp recalls certain cribs sold at Toys R Us stores. #06-036
- ❖ Stravina Operating Co. recalls Children's Metal Necklaces and Zipper Pulls. #06-042

We hope you find this service of value and that it assists you to:

## "KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE!"

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**Release Number (06-027):** American Greetings Corporation, of Cleveland, Ohio is voluntarily recalling about 14,200 DesignWare® 4 Fairy Wands. The recalled fairy wands are pink or purple with multi-colored beads, feathers and ribbons. The wands are 7-inches long. There are four wands in each package. The packaging has a light pink cardboard backer. Model number WAND1361 is written on the back of the packaging. They were sold at discount, toy, drug, grocery, party and specialty gift stores nationwide from March 2003 through September 2005 for about \$4 and manufactured in China.

**Problem:** The fairy wand party favors can break apart, exposing sharp wires that pose a laceration hazard to children.

**What to do:** Consumers should take the recalled wands away from young children immediately. Contact the firm at (800) 777-4891 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at <http://americangreetings.com> for a coupon redeemable wherever American Greetings products are sold.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06027.html>

**Release Information:** American Public Co., of New York, N.Y. is voluntarily recalling

about 3,400 Hooded Sweatshirt with Drawstring. The recalled sweatshirts were sold in navy and burgundy, and in youth sizes (S, M, L, and XL). The RN Number is 90614, which is located on the collar tag. "A.P.C.O." is a label stitched on the inside of the hood and "Artic Zone" is stitched on the outside of the sweatshirt. The items were exclusively sold through J.C. Penney's Catalog and Web site from June 2005 through August 2005 for about \$25 and manufactured in Pakistan.

**Problem:** The hooded sweatshirts have drawstrings, posing a strangulation hazard to children. In February 1996, the CPSC issued guidelines to help prevent children from strangling or getting entangled on the neck and waist drawstrings of upper garments such as jackets and sweatshirts.

**What to do:** Consumers should remove the drawstring to eliminate the hazard.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06511.html>

**Release Number (06-030):** Sycamore Kids Inc., of Fort Collins, Colo., is voluntarily recalling about 3,200 Mountain Buggy Urban Single and Urban Double, Breeze Strollers. The recalled strollers have a metal frame and a cloth seat with a sun canopy. The strollers were sold in a variety of colors including, navy, red, black, silver and orange. A metal plate above the footrest shows the Mountain Buggy logo with "Mountain Buggy," "Urban," or "Breeze" written underneath on the metal plate. The recalled Mountain Buggy Urban Single strollers have

item number U1204-002, and serial numbers between 000000 and 012893. The recalled Mountain Buggy Urban Double strollers have item number U2204-002, and serial numbers between 000000 and 006957. The recalled Mountain Buggy Breeze strollers have item number B1204-002, and serial numbers between 000000 and 000191. The serial number and model number are on the back of the metal plate. All recalled buggies have a grey handlebar button. This expansion of the Sycamore Kids Inc. jogging strollers recall announced [July 14, 2005](#) includes additional models. The items were sold at juvenile furniture retailers and baby product stores and Web retailers nationwide from December 2004 through July 2005 for between \$400 and \$640. They were manufactured in New Zealand.

**Problem:** The handlebar can crack or break causing the handlebar to detach while in use, posing a risk of injury to young children.

**What to do:** Contact Sycamore Kids toll-free at (866) 524-8805 anytime, or write to [support@mountainbuggyusa.com](mailto:support@mountainbuggyusa.com) - this recall information also can be found on the firm's Web site at <http://www.mountainbuggyusa.com> to find an authorized repair center to receive a free replacement handlebar ratchet.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06030.html>

**Release Number (06-033):** International Playthings Inc., of Parsippany, N.J., is voluntarily recalling about 1,900 Viking Chubbies Toy Cars. This recall involves Viking Chubbies 10-inch toy sedans sold with two figurines. The multi-colored toys are made of plastic. The toy figurines measure about 3-inches tall. "Viking Toys," "Sweden" and "Made in Thailand" are printed on the bottom of the car. They were sold at specialty toy stores nationwide from June 2005 through August 2005 for about \$14 and manufactured in Thailand.

**Problem:** The heads on the figures sold with the cars can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Consumers should contact International Playthings at (800) 445-8347 anytime, or visit the firm's Web site at [www.intplay.com](http://www.intplay.com) for information on returning the product for a free replacement item of similar value.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06033.html>

**Release Number (06-034):** International Playthings Inc., of Parsippany, N.J., is voluntarily recalling Flexitoys Monster-Size Vehicles. recalled Flexitoys Monster-Size vehicles are plastic toys that measure approximately 5 1/2-inches in length. Models included in the recall are: dump truck (model 9000-1), race car (model 9000-2), tractor (model 9000-3), SUV (model 9000-4), fire truck (model 9000-5) and digger truck (model 9000-6). The name and model numbers are stamped on the underside of the plastic vehicles. These items were sold at specialty toy stores nationwide from May 2005 through September 2005 for about \$4 and manufactured in China.

**Problem:** Small parts can detach, which pose a choking hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Consumers should contact International Playthings at (800) 445-8357 anytime, or visit the firm's Web site at [www.intplay.com](http://www.intplay.com) for information on returning the product for a free replacement item of similar value.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06034.html>

**Release Number (06-035):** Wal-Mart Stores Inc., of Bentonville, Ark., is voluntarily recalling about 7,200 10-in-1 Activity Trunks by Kid Connection. The recalled "10-IN-1 Wood Activity Trunk" is a wood box with a removable lid. The trunk measures about 7-inches wide by 8 ½-inches high by 14 ½-inches long. The toy set provides 10 different activities, including a pounding bench, puzzle, stacking rings, bead maze/runner, wood alphabet blocks, wood stacking blocks of various shapes, wood train engine, and plastic building blocks. One side of the trunk contains an abacus with five rows of colored beads. The other side of the trunk contains the shape sorter and pictures of a yellow tiger and purple bear with building blocks. No writing is on the box. The red cardboard packaging reads, "kidconnection®" and "10-IN-1 Wood Activity Trunk." These items were sold at Wal-Mart stores exclusively nationwide from July 2005 through September 2005 for about \$15. They were manufactured in China.

**Problem:** Some of the toys in these trunks contain small parts, posing a choking hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Consumers should immediately take these toys away from young children and return the product to Wal-Mart for a full refund.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06035.html>

**Release Number (06-036):** Delta Enterprise Corp., of New York, N.Y., is voluntarily recalling about 335 Lov's "Europa" Natural Color Cribs. The cribs are made of wood and are natural color. Only cribs that are labeled Lov's Europa with "Style # 4827-2 M.F.G. No.: W 24088 Date: 22 JUN 2004" are included in the recall. The brand, style and date code are printed on a label attached to the mattress support platform. These cribs were sold exclusively at Toys R Us nationwide from July 2004 through August 2005 for about \$200 and manufactured in Indonesia.

**Problem:** The crib's paint contains high levels of lead. Lead poisoning in children is associated with behavioral problems, learning disabilities, hearing problems and growth retardation.

**What to do:** Consumers should stop using the recalled crib immediately and return to retailer where purchased for a credit or refund.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06036.html>

**Release Number (06-042):** Stravina Operating Co., LLC, of Chatsworth, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 6 million children's metal necklaces and zipper pulls. The recalled necklaces are silver-colored with individual names painted in variety of colors. The nameplate on the necklace hangs from a 16-inch black cord. The necklace packages are marked "Personalized Necklace" and "Stravina". UPC Code 0-35203-00039-7 is on the necklace package. The recalled zipper pulls are silver-colored with individual names that come in various colors. The zipper pull hangs from a silver-colored metal clip designed to attach to a backpack, a keyring, and zippers on clothing. Printed on the zipper pull's packaging is "Personalized Zipper Pull," "Great for Backpacks and Keyrings too" and "Stravina." UPC Code 0-35203-00038-0 is written on the package. The recalled metal necklaces and zipper pulls were sold at discount, toy, party, grocery and drug stores from March 2002 through September 2005 for between \$2 and \$4. All of the jewelry was manufactured in China.

**Problem:** The recalled metal jewelry contains high levels of accessible lead in the metal and/or the paint, posing a serious risk of



lead poisoning to young children. Lead is toxic if ingested by children and can cause adverse health effects.

**What to do:** Consumers should immediately take this metal jewelry away from children and contact Stravina for a free replacement product at (800) 964-0029 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. PT Monday through Friday. Consumers can also visit the firm's Web site at <http://www.stravina.com> for more information.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml/06/06042.html>

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